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## List of Acronyms

AAT	Architectural Assessment Tool
ASAP	As Soon as Possible
ACT	Advanced Communication Technology
ACRE	Advanced Chemical Rocket Engine
AIAA	American Institute of Astronautics and Aeronautics
amp/cm <sup>2</sup>	Amperes per square centimeter
AU	Astronomical Unit (Distance from the Earth to the Sun)
ARC	Ames Research Center
B	Billion
BOL	Beginning Of Life
CDS	Conception Definition Study
C&DH	Control and Data Handling
CMG	Control Moment Gyro
COTS	Commercial-Off-The-Shelf
COTR	Contracting Officers Technical Representative
CS	Civil Service
CSA	Canadian Space Agency
DASA	German Aerospace
dB	Decibels
DC/RF	Direct Current Radiation Frequency
DOE	Department of Energy
DOS	Department of State
EMF	Electromagnetic Frequency
EMI	Electromagnetic Interference
EP	Electrical Power
EPRI	Electrical Power Research Institute
EOL	End of Life
ESA	European Space Agency
ETO	Earth to Orbit
EVA	Extra Vehicle Activity
Ex ante	Preexisting
FMCA	Functional Mission Concept and Architecture
FR	Frequency Range
FY	Fiscal Year
GEO	Geostationary Earth Orbit
GHz	Giga Hertz
GN&C	Guidance, Navigation, and Control
GPS	Global Positioning Satellite
GRC	Glenn Research Center
GRC	General Research Corp
GW	Giga watts
HALO	Earth-Sun L-2 Orbit (1.5 Million km from Earth-see figure page 58)
HEDS	Human Exploration & Development of Space
HET	Hall Effect Thruster
HFET	
HRST	Highly Reusable Space Transportation
HTS	High Temperature Superconductor
IAAM	Integrated Architecture Assessment Model
IPT	Integrated Product Team

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IR	Infrared IRR	Internal Rate of Return
ISP	In-Space Propulsion	
I <sub>sp</sub>	Specific Impulse	
ISS	International Space Station	
ITAR	International	
ITU	International Technical Union	
JPL	Jet Propulsion Laboratory	
JSC	Johnson Space Center	
kg	Kilograms	
KSC	Kennedy Space Center	
km	Kilometer	
kW	Kilowatts	
kWe	Kilowatts Electrical	
kWh	Kilowatt Hours	
LaRC	Langley Research Center	
LCC	Life Cycle Cost	
LDC	Less Developed Countries	
LEO	Low Earth Orbit	
MBG	Multiple Band Gap	
MEO	Medium Earth Orbit	
mm	millimeter	
MPD	MagnetoPlasmaDynamic	
MSC	Model System Category	
MSFC	Marshall Space Flight Center	
MWe	Megawatt electrical	
N/A	Not Applicable	
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration	
NASDA	National Aeronautics and Space Development Agency (Japanese Space Agency)	
NRA	NASA Research Announcement	
NRC	National Research Council	
OMV	Orbital Maneuvering Vehicle	
OTA	Office of Technology Assessment—US Congress now defunct	
PMAD	Power Management and Distribution	
PRC	Propulsion Research Center	
POD	Point of Departure	
POP	Perpendicular to Orbit Plane	
POST	Trajectory Model	
PV	Photovoltaic	
R&D	Research and Development	
RF	Radio Frequency	
RLV	Reusable Launch Vehicle	
RMS	Root Mean Square	
R&T-WG	Research & Technology Working Group	
R&T	Research and Technology	
RTG	Radioisotope Thermal Generator	
SAIC	Science Applications International Corp	
SAIM	System Analysis Integration & Maintenance	
SD/PV	Solar Dynamic versus Photovoltaic (power generation)	
SE&I	Systems Engineering and Integration	
SEPS	Solar Electric Propulsion System	
SERT	Space Solar Power Exploratory Research & Technology	
Si	Silicon	
SiC	Silicon Carbide	
SI-WG	Systems Integration Working Group	
SMSM	Self-Mobile Space Manipulator	
SMSA	Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area	

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SOTA	State-Of-The Art
SMOC	Senior Management Oversight Committee
SPS	Space Power Satellite
SSM	Space Segment Model
SSP	Solar Space Power
STUS	Space Transportation Upper Stage
TBD	To Be Determined
TIM	Technical Interchange Meeting
TPS	Thermal Protection System
TRL	Technology Readiness Level
OOMV	Tug Orbit to Orbit Maneuvering Vehicle
UAH	University of Alabama in Huntsville
UNESCO	United Nations
US	United States
V-ac	Volts alternating current
V-dc	Volts direct current
V/m	Volts per meter
VRC	Virtual Research Center
Vs.	Versus
WHO	World Health Organization
W/m <sup>2</sup>	Watts per square meter
W/kg	Watts per kilogram
WPT	Wireless Power Transmission

## Abstract

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The SERT program includes both "in-house" and competitively procured activities, which are being implemented through a portfolio of focused R&D investments—with the maximum leveraging of existing resources inside and outside NASA, and guided by these system studies.

Axel Roth, Director of the Flight Projects Directorate NASA MSFC, welcomed the SERT TIM 2 participants and challenged them to develop the necessary technologies and demonstrations that will lead to Space Solar Power (SSP) International implementation.

Joe Howell, NASA MSFC, reiterated the SERT TIM 2 objectives:

- 1) Refining and modeling systems approaches for the utilization of SSP concepts and technologies, ranging from the near-term (e.g., for space science, exploration and commercial space applications) to the far-term (e.g., SSP for terrestrial markets), including systems concepts, architectures, technology, infrastructure (e.g., transportation), and economics.
- 2) Conducting technology research, development and demonstration activities to produce "proof-of-concept" validation of critical SSP elements for both the nearer and farther-term applications.
- 3) Initiating partnerships Nationally and Internationally that could be expanded, as appropriate, to pursue later SSP technology and applications (e.g., space science, colonization, etc.).

Day one began with the NASA Centers presenting their SERT activities summary since SERT TIM 1 and wound up with a presentation by Masahiro Mori, NASDA, titled "NASDA In-house Study for SSP Demonstration for the Near-Term.

Day two began with the SERT Systems Studies and Analysis reports resulting from NRA 8-23 followed by presentations of SERT Technology Demonstrations reports resulting from NRA 8-23. Day two closed with John Mankins presentation on "Technology Roadmapping" and the delivery of the charge to the Work Breakout Sessions.

Day three began with the eleven Work Breakout Session which was the major function of this TIM 2 and day three ended with reports by the Chairs of the eleven Work Breakdown Sessions.

Day four began with the six Integrated Product Team (IPT) meetings and ended with closing plenary panel sessions.

## Background and Introduction

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Dr. Kaya demonstrated Wireless Power Transmission at the beginning of SERTS TIM 2, which was the same demonstration as at the July 1999 IAF.

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Day 1

## SERT TIM 2 Objectives

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## SERT Program Overview

John Mankins, NASA Headquarters, presented the SERT Program Overview:

During 1999-2000, NASA is conducting a SERT program which will conduct preliminary studies and strategic technology research and development across a wide range of areas to enable the future development of large multi-megawatt SSP systems and wireless power transmission (WPT) for government and commercial markets (in-space and terrestrial).

This program will allow informed decisions regarding future SSP and related R&D investment by both NASA management and prospective external partners. In addition, the SERT program will guide further definition of SSP and related technology roadmaps including performance objectives, resources and schedules; including “multi-purpose” commercial missions, Earth and Space science, exploration, and other government applications, such as national defense.

The SERT program currently includes both “in-house” and competitively procured activities, which are being implemented through a portfolio of focused R&D investments—with the maximum leveraging of existing resources inside and outside NASA, and guided by system studies. The Portfolio consists of three complementary elements:

- 1) System Studies and Analysis
- 2) SSP Research and Technology
- 3) SSP Technology Demonstrations

## SERT Integration, Analysis and Modeling

Connie Carrington, NASA MSFC, and Harvey Feingold, SAIC, presented the status of the “SERT Integration, Analysis, and Modeling” which included the following:

Overview of Systems Integration Working Group (SIWG)  
Points of Departure (POD)  
Alternate Concepts (PODs)  
Modeling/Analysis Status and Selected Results  
Identified Issues and Technology Needs  
Accomplishments and Status

## **NASA Centers Activities Summary**

Next the NASA Centers presented their SERT activities summary since SERT TIM 1:

Ames Research Center (ARC) presentation was made by Hans Thomas, who used a **computer** generated presentation and he did not leave an electronic copy nor a hard copy. All **efforts** to contact Hans Thomas have been unsuccessful to date; but these efforts to contact Hans Thomas will continue until his material is in hand!

Shelia Bailey made the Glenn Research Center (GRC) presentation and she included:  
Power Management and Distribution Activities  
SiC High Power and High Temperature Electronics Research

The Status report by Professor Krishna Shenia, University of Illinois at Chicago, was moved from Day 2 to Day 1 due to a previous travel commitment. The title of Professor Shenia's **presentation** was "Defect Engineering and Reliability Study of SiC High Power Devices.

Steve Kant made titled "SSP Platform Systems" the Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) presentation.

The following people made the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) presentations:  
Wireless Power Transmission (WPT) by Richard Dickinson  
Inflatable Structures Technology Development by R. Freeland  
Space Power Robotics by Gregory Hickey  
Science Applications by Henry Harris (Actually Presented by Richard Dickinson)

The following people made the Johnson Space Center (JSC) presentations:  
Microwave System Analysis for the 5.8 GHz Wireless Power by Dickey Arndt  
Robotic Assembly, Maintenance and Servicing by Chris Culbert (Do not have a **copy** of Chris's presentation as of to date).

The Kennedy Space Center (KSC) did not participate in SERT TIM 2, but we included Carey McCleskey's SERT Technology Mini-Workshop conducted at NASA Headquarters November 9-10, 1999.

The Langley Research Center (LaRC) presentation was given by Chris Moore and was titled "Structures, Materials, Controls, and Thermal Management.

The following people gave the Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC) presentations:  
Ground Power Systems by George Kusic  
Space Transportation Infrastructure by John Olds  
Functional Mission Concepts & Architecture by Lanny Taliaferro  
Environmental Safety and Health by Marvin Goldman  
Space Solar Power Applications by David Smitherman

## **An Economic Assessment of Satellite Solar Power Technology as a Source of Electricity for Space Based Activities**

John Fini, Strategic Insight, presented "An Economic Assessment of Satellite Solar Power Technology as a Source of Electricity for Space Based Activities".

## **NASDA In-house Study on SSP Demonstration for the Near-Term**

Day 1 wound up with a presentation by Masahiro Mori, NASDA, titled "NASDA In-house Study on SSP Demonstration for the Near-Term."

Day 2

## **SERT Systems Studies and Analysis reports resulting from NRA 8-23**

Day 2 began with the following SERT Systems Studies and Analysis reports resulting from NRA 8-23:

- 1) System Studies and Analysis by Jay Penn, Aerospace Corp.
- 2) Systems Studies and Analysis by Seth Potter, Boeing
- 3) Power With Out Wires (POWOW) by Henry Brandhorst, Auburn University
- 4) Advance Design Concepts for SSP by Geoffrey Landis, Ohio Aerospace Institute
- 5) Application of SSP Technology to Space Transportation for HEDS Missions by Steve Hoffman, SAIC.
- 6) Market Analysis & External Factors by Carrie Mullins, Futron
- 7) Assessment, Outreach, and Future Research of Environmental and Safety Factors Related to SSP by Margo Deckard, Space Frontier Foundation
- 8) AIAA Assessment: (1) International Cooperation, (2) Applicability to Terrestrial, Civil Space, and Military Space Programs, and (3) Technology by Jerry Grey, AIAA
- 9) Economic and Market Analysis to Ascertain the Potential Impact of SSP on a Specific Locale by John Fini, Strategic Insight

## **SERT Research & Technologies resulting from NRA 8-23**

Day 2 continued with presentations of SERT Research & Technologies resulting from NRA 8-23:

- 1) Advanced High-Voltage Solar Array Design Guidelines from Soar Tile Testing by Brian Reed, Boeing
- 2) Multi Band Gap High Efficiency Converter (Rainbow) by C. William King, Essential Research
- 3) Effects of Hypervelocity Impacts on High Voltage Soar Arrays by Henry Brandhorst, Auburn University
- 4) Low Mass Phased Array Antenna for Wireless Power Transmission by James McSpadden, Boeing Phantom Works
- 5) Development of Inflatable Space Frame by Dilip Darooka, ILC Dover, inc.
- 6) Innovative Deployable Radiator for Space Solar Power Systems by Roger Giellis
- 7) Fabrication of Very High Efficiency 5.8 GHz Power Amplifiers using AlGaN HFETs on SiC Substrates for Wireless Power Transmission by Gerry Sullivan, Rockwell Science Center
- 8) High-Voltage, Modular, DC-to-DC Converter by David Fox, Hamilton Sundstrand Aerospace
- 9) Rectenna Development for Wireless Power Transmission by Bernd Strassner, Texas A&M University
- 10) 5.8 GHz Circular Polarized Dual Rhombic Loop Antenna for Space Power Applications by Bernd Strassner, Texas A&M University

## **SERT Technology Demonstrations resulting from NRA 8-23**

This was followed by presentations of SERT Technology Demonstrations resulting from NRA 8-23:

- 1) Wireless Power Transmission for Science Applications by James Benford, **Microwave Sciences, Inc.**
- 2) Ultralightweight Fresnel Lens Solar Concentrators for Space Power by Mark O'Neill, **ENTECH, Inc.**
- 3) Skyworker Assembly, Inspection, and Maintenance of SSP Facilities by Red Whittaker, **Carnegie Mellon University**
- 4) Space Solar Power Technology Demonstration for Lunar Polar Applications by Mark Henley, **Boeing**

## **“Technology Roadmapping” and delivering the charge to the Work Breakout Sessions**

Day 2 was closed with John Mankins presenting “Technology Roadmapping” and delivering the charge to the Work Breakout Sessions which begin tomorrow (day 3). John Mankins presented the following technology challenges for SSP:

- Solar Power Generation
- Wireless Power Transmission
- PMAD
- Structural Concepts, Materials, and Dynamics
- Thermal Materials and Thermal Management
- Controls and Operations cannot be worked as yet
- In-Space Transportation, propellant availability and cost are unresolved issues

John Mankins presented the following Model System Concept 1 (MSC 1) fundamental decision points assuming that MSC 1 POD is launched for testing in the 6-7 year timeframe:

- Near-term decision points
  - Mission and capabilities
    - Delta V
    - Payload
    - On-board utilities
  - Solar power generation
    - PV versus Solar Dynamic (current recommendation is PV of some sort)
- Mid-term decision points (in the next 2-3 years)
  - System configuration
    - Single spacecraft or mother/daughter
    - Program/system cost goals/constraints
  - Solar array type
    - Planar
    - Thin film
    - Concentrator (e.g., POD 1.1 or POD 1.2)
  - Wireless power transmission
    - Frequency?
    - If microwave

- 2.45 GHz: 5.8 GHz? Other RF
- If visible
  - IR: green: other?
- Power management and distribution: Operational voltage
  - 300 V or higher?
  - Energy storage on board?
- Structural concept, materials and dynamics
  - Mix of structural concepts
    - Integrated, erectable, deployable, inflatable
  - Platform systems
    - Autonomy and operations approach: Traditional or intelligent systems
  - Earth-to-orbit transportation and infrastructure
    - One launch or several
    - One element or several with in space assembly
  - In-space transportation and infrastructure
    - Space transportation R&T goals?
      - On-board propulsion (primary? and/or an experimental package?)
  - Robotic assembly, maintenance and servicing
    - Assembly approach
    - Use of International Space Station or not?
    - Astronaut compatibility?
- Later decision points (prior to CDR)
  - System configuration
    - Lifetime
      - Number of MSC 1 units and/or flights
  - Wireless power transmission
    - Microwave or visible?
      - If microwave
        - Solid state
          - Magnetrons
          - Klystrons
      - If visible
        - Lamps and reflectors (spot light approach)
        - Lasers?
  - Power management and distribution
    - If energy storage, what type?
  - Structural concepts, materials and dynamics
    - GN&C/attitude control design (e.g., momentum wheels? Station-keeping?)
  - Robotic Assembly, maintenance and servicing
    - Resident robots or not? Roles?

John Mankins also presented the above type of material for MSC 2 and MSC 3 as part of his charge to the eleven Work Breakout Session groups.

## Day 3

### Work Breakout Sessions meeting

Day 3 began with the eleven Work Breakout Sessions meeting in parallel until 3:00 pm

- 1) Systems Integration, Analysis, and Modeling co-chaired by Harvey Feingold and Connie Carrington.
- 2) Space Transportation and Infrastructure co-chaired by David Way and Mike Nicks

- 3) Wireless Power Transmission co-chaired by Richard Dickinson and Jim McSpadden
- 4) Platform Systems co-chaired by David Maynard and Seymour Kant
- 5) Robotics, Assembly, and Servicing co-chaired by Chris Culbert and Red Whittaker
- 6) Structures, Materials, Controls, and Thermal co-chaired by Chris Moore and Mike Gilbert
- 7) PMAD and Ground Power Systems co-chaired by Jim Dolce and Tom Lynch
- 8) Solar Power Generation co-chaired by Shelia Bailey and Nick Mardesick
- 9) Environmental and Safety Factors co-chaired by Marvin Goldman and Gayle Brown
- 10) International Issues and Opportunities co-chaired by Jerry Grey and Mark Henley
- 11) SSP Applications co-chaired by David Smitherman and Ken Cox

## The Work Breakout Session reports

Day 3 ended with reports from the eleven Work Breakdown Session chairmen.

### **Work Breakout Session 1 Report**

The Work Breakout Session report from group 1, Systems Integration, Analysis & Modeling, chaired by Connie Carrington and Harvey Feingold was as follows:

#### Objective:

- Address the SIWG role in achieving the near to long term goals of SERT and SSP
- Update and/or develop technology roadmapping products for the SERT systems function (WBS element B.12)

#### Session results:

##### New "Bubble Chart" created

- Uses modified version of technology roadmap template
- Chart driven by systems information that must be provided to RTWG's, leading to **required system studies and analyses**.
- Identified product is system level characterization and documentation of performance, **cost**, schedule and risk for defined candidate concepts.
- Will be used to update last years Systems Integration "Bubble Charts"

##### Reviewed MSC 1 and MSC 3 decision points

- Tried to determine if the system level information or analyses would be needed to support the identified configuration or technology decisions.
- Decision points can be used to develop system integration, analysis and tool development schedules analogous to technology development schedules that lead to MSC 4.
- Cost of identified systems support still to be determined.

#### SIWG recommendation on MSC 1 fundamental decision points:

##### Near-term decision points during SERT

- These decisions depend upon the particular mission scenario, and the mission and technology development objectives. An additional decision point should be added: If microwave, **what frequency is suitable**.

##### Mid-term decision points within the next 2-3 years:

- Technology breakthroughs may determine solar array type. WPT decisions will depend on the mission scenario, as does the GN&C approach, on-board propulsion demo status, and the assembly approach. We recommend that the transmitter technology decision be made in mid-term, since it is a design driver for configuration and subsystems. We prefer 300 V solar arrays to direct drive SEP thrusters, with the capability to use DC-DC conversion only if lower S/S voltages (120 V) can be achieved. The decision about the need for on-board energy storage will depend upon the selected configuration and mission application. Structural technology decisions should be based on lifetime cost considerations, rather than mass (unless mass is a showstopper). The decision on traditional versus intelligent systems should be**

based on the state-of-the-art at this time (off-the-shelf technology). We recommend **scaling** the mission to minimize the number of launches, and would use in-space assembly **only** if absolutely necessary. We do not recommend use of ISS or astronaut compatibility for assembly or maintenance.

Later decision points prior to CDR

Lifetime decisions should consider follow-on applications, perhaps commercial, after the primary mission objectives are met. Microwave vs. laser decisions will be **greatly influenced** by international policy. The transmitter technology decision should be made earlier, **since** it is a driver for many other decisions and will delay development if deferred. The **decision on robotic demonstrations** should also be made earlier, since it will impact configuration and mission design as well as operations, and the decision should depend on cost impacts to the program. Energy storage technology, in any, will depend on the selected mission **scenario**. GN&C design decisions should be made earlier, although sensor selection could be **made at** this latter period.

SIWG recommendations on MSC 3 fundamental decision points:

Near-term decision point within the next 4-5 years

These decisions should use knowledge determined from system studies and the MSC 1 program. We expect to have more insight into technology readiness levels, high voltage issues, and cost impacts of technology decisions. We will have a better understanding of the concepts, and insights into spin-off applications and commercial applicability. We **hope** to have a better understanding of projected launch rate capabilities, and insight into **future launch infrastructures**.

Mid-term within next 8-9 years and later pre-CDR decision points

These decisions should be made from lessons learned during the MSC 1 program. **At the same time**, they should address the critical technology needs from MSC 4 (with implications that many decisions on MSC 4 will have to be made concurrently). As in MSC 1, the technology selection for WPT should be made in mid-term rather than later, since it is a primary driver for many other subsystems, configurations, mission scenario, operations, kind regulations/safety requirements. Propulsion technologies should also be made in **mid-term** since it is a primary driver for MSC 3 configurations.

## ***Work Breakout Session 2 Report***

The Work Breakout Session report from group 2, Space Transportation and Infrastructure co-chaired by David Way and Mike Nix was as follows:

Charge from John Mankins

What data needs to be exchanged between teams?

What data will need to be provided in the near future?

Database, structured properly, could address needs

**Data** (documented with assumptions of what is included in estimates)

**Modeling results**

**Algorithm**

**Problem: Some teams do not have even basic information needed to start analysis**

**E.g., Structures team does not have loads**

Concept proposers should take responsibility for providing schemes for assembly, component packaging, etc.

Assembly complexity vs ETO launch sizing (do we need to optimize?):

Currently assuming 20 to 40 MT per launch (5 lb/cubic foot) for transportation  
Larger payload units could simplify assembly, but launch vehicle availability is a consideration  
Transfer vehicle could become part of on-orbit structure  
How fast does transportation need to provide materials? Driven by economic considerations  
High flight rate is better, from transportation point-of-view  
SIWG can provide number of launches per satellite (Current assumption is one SSP per year, but economic considerations will require a fleet of SSP satellites in perhaps a 5 year period of time)

Recommendations:

- 1) Get SIWG, transportation, structures, and robotics teams together ASAP to **establish assembly philosophy baseline.**
- 2) Decide ASAP on a LEO-GEO transportation philosophy baseline

Interactions between Systems and Transportations Teams:

Questions:

- Do we need a depot for storing materials, tools, etc?  
Does each package deliver itself to GEO (maybe higher, due to GEO station **keeping** considerations), or do we have tug deliver launch packages?
- 1) Deploy SSP arrays for LEO-GEO transportation (load on structures, **degradation**, PMAD, and high voltage considerations, etc.)
  - 2) Transportation has traded expendables, reusable, and autonomous SEP approaches for transportation considerations only
  - 3) Autonomous SEP approach appears favorable to transportation, **but** oversizes/overdesigns the on-orbit SSP configurations, structures, PMAD, etc.
- Do we need LEO transportation nodes?
- 1) May need three for orbit phasing considerations
  - 2) Will need equatorial launch sites (build our own island?)
- What is the lifetime of this system?

What transportation needs from SIWG?

- Density and dimensions of the payloads
- Launch rates
- Payload mass
- Assembly sequence
- Maintenance estimates

Information needed by Systems and transportation teams from the following other teams:

Propulsion needs

- Efficiency vs specific impulse vs propellant type
- Specific mass of propulsion unit

Solar array needs

- Specific power with or without structure
- Degradation (thermal and radiation)
- Efficiencies (BOL and EOL, to aid in lifetime estimates)

Robotics needs

- Robotic capability for assembly
- Reliability
- Mass and cost including all support
- Type of robots

Wireless Power Transmission (solid state, magnetrons, klystrons, lasers)

- Characteristics: Mass, configuration, performance with assumptions
- Efficiency chains (space segment, atmospheric, ground rectenna)

Platform Systems needs

- Reliability data for all hardware (SSP satellites, robotics, ground systems)
- Mass and cost data for platform systems with all assumptions
- Communications and computers with all assumptions

Structures needs

- Mass estimate for solar arrays, transmitter array, reflectors/bearings, integrating structure
- Number of control actuators and sensors, mass, power, and cost estimates
- Assembly approach and deployment
- Packaging
- Thermal mass, radiator configurations and locations

PMAD Needs

- Voltage levels, AC or DC, radiator temperatures
- Mass distribution of components for configuration, design recommendations
- PV to SEP switching information

SSP applications

- Missions
- Requirements
- Spin off applications that could impact systems and transportation decisions, such as lifetime

Environmental, safety and health needs

- Allowable power densities
- Stake holders such as exclusion zones and cost impacts

Missing element in Work Breakout Sessions

Operations

- Command and control (ground and space)
- Hierarchy, control sites, etc
- Role of government and private industry

### ***Work Breakout Session 3 Report***

Work Breakout Session group 3, Wireless Power Transmission, co-chaired by Richard Dickinson and Jim McSpadden report follows:

Solid State needs

- Two filters per element, many filters, large volume and large mass
- Establish EMC requirements
- Currently large uncertainty
- More emphasis in laser systems area
- Effects of weather on system

MSC 1 R&T goals (launched in 6-7 years timeframe)

- Free flyer furnace
- Photon sail
- Microwave and laser
- Micrometeoroid arc
- Beam turner mirror with slew tracking
- Pilot beam steering
- Safety beam de-phasing, etc.
- Two to three years more study of options for flight in 6-7 years

MSC 3 R&T goals (launched in 15 years timeframe)

- More and bigger MSC 2
- \$300 Million

### ***Work Breakout Session 4 Report***

Work Breakout Session group 4, Platform Systems, co-chaired by David Maynard and Seymour Kant report:

High level task functions

Reliability methodology

Goals

- Identify methodologies and risk mitigation techniques to support mission assurance

- Identify failure modes
- Predict lifetimes of year 2020 configurations
- Determine lifetimes of new technologies (MTBF >30-40 years)
- Derive maintenance requirements

Approach

- Identify components reliability drivers
- Include damage modes
- Define functional relationships of subsystems
- Characterize uncertainties
- Apply probabilistic failure assessment methodologies

System monitoring and health management

Goals

- Define satellite communications requirements
- Incorporate high bandwidth telecommunications
- Provide high capacity computing and data management
- Determine communications subsystems
- Evaluate command and control linkage (C&DH)
- Accommodate for robotic systems and operations

Approach

- Identify operational and situational factors
- Define communication frequency domains
- Construct communications subsystems and apply to concept architectures
- Configure hierarchical operations decisions tree
- Provide "hot" change-out of components

Technology sharing

Goals

- Capture advantages of current and emerging technologies
- Employ technologies to minimize mass and cost (\$100-\$200/Kg)

Approach

- Identify opportunities for utilizing technology
- Development from other programs (NASA, other agencies and industry)
- Map technology insertion opportunities
- Facilitate synergisms of function and integration of operations
- Consider alternative configurations for SSP components, subsystems and systems
- Evaluate interfaces and identify areas requiring emphasis
- Leverage on-going activities to minimize effort duplications
- Focus on critical elements

Concept architectures, technology, integration and emerging R&T needs

- Alternate architectures

Thermal analysis

Goals

- Define heat rejection requirements
- Evaluate heat transfer and radiator concepts

Approach

- Define environmental and structural factors
- Characterize SSP operation affecting thermal design (transient, load rejection, and shadowing)
- Compare candidate thermal subsystems (efficiency, mass, maintenance, cost, etc)

Controls

Goals

- Define control schemes for each MSC
- Develop two-tier, ultra-high precision, extremely large flexible-surface control technology
- Required surface flatness /40RMS/20RMS
- Subarray tilt angle to within 2 arc -minutes RMS

Subarray size to 4MX4M

Applicable FR frequency to 500 M diameter range to 5.8 GHz

Applicable antenna size

Approach

Identify performance criteria for concepts structures

Define control approaches for various configurations

Characterize multifunctional control for thrust/non-thrust modes, antenna, control, and solar array drives

## **Work Breakout Session 5 Report**

Work Breakout Session Group 5, Robotics, Assembly, and Servicing, co-chaired by Chris Culbert and Red Whittaker report:

### **Robotics Technology Challenges**

Maintenance during continuous operations

Environmental issues (robot operating conditions)

    Micrometeorite impact, heat, RF and high voltage

Stick to/grasp anything (minimize scarring)

Walk/manipulate softly

Wiring, plumbing, and connecting work

Coordinated operations with ground (levels of autonomy)

Satellite to robot power and communications

Robot state assessment

"Migrant" construction robots?

Inspection approaches

Extended operations for autonomous robots (MTBF of robot)

New and/or unique robot physiologies

Simulation and studies

Cooperative robots (coordinated activities)

Material logistics

### **Interfacing challenges**

Facility mobility

    Hardpoints, grapple, etc

    Spots to minimize reaction forces

Facilitate reaction control

Facilitate maintenance

    Design for robot only maintenance

    Smart structure, self-diagnosis, and component changeout

Clearance and accessibility (pathways)

Location/markings/components bar-coding

Communication and data (diagnostic facilities)

Robotic infrastructure/toolshed, or warehouse

### **Robotics Technology Demonstration Opportunities**

**General philosophy:** Develop basic technologies through ground demos leading to **specific capabilities demonstrated on-orbit in MSC 1 through MSC 4**

#### **Ground demonstrations**

**Robotic component to inspect and calibrate a ground phased array structure**

**Robotic assembly of a ground based array structure**

**Grappling and manipulation tests (to develop grasp anything concepts)**

**Basic environmental studies (heat and EMF effects on robots)**

**Connectors and plumbing fittings handled by robot**

**Develop extended operations concepts and procedures**

**Autonomous robot docking, self-charging, and self-maintaining**

- Mobility approaches that lead to "walking softly"
- Cooperative control of multiple robots: information sharing
- Robot state awareness capabilities
- Flight demonstrations
  - Robotic assembly techniques
  - Environmental tests
  - Zero g mobility tests
  - Automated rendezvous and docking
    - MSC 1
      - Well suited for inspection demonstration and simple maintenance
      - Onboard inspection system capable of traversing and inspection the vehicle and providing status information to the ground
    - MSC 3
      - Begin testing initial assembly concepts. Target areas such as plumbing connections, wiring routing, etc.
      - Demonstrate full-scale inspection and maintenance
      - Once core vehicle mission has been completed, use robotic maintenance to keep sub-elements functional over an extended period of time.
    - MSC 4
      - Demonstrate significant portion of robotic assembly capability, including coordination between multiple robots.
      - Refine inspection and maintenance approaches
      - Demonstrate long-term operational processes

#### Short Term Future Work

- Study to characterize robotics assembly and maintenance activities and visualize scenarios
- Integrated project to demonstrate cooperating robots performing assembly with visual service as needed
- Study "stick-to" approaches (Van de Waals forces, etc)
  - Non-goopy, sticks to glass, in vacuum, under thermal variance

### **Work Breakout Session 6 Report**

Work Breakout Session group 6, Structures, Materials, Controls, and Thermal co-chaired by Chris Moore and Mike Gilbert report:

- SSP Inflatable Structures Roadmap
  - Develop a database of properties for rigidizable materials
  - Characterize structural performance of inflatable columns
  - Develop inflatable truss concept with scaling laws
  - Build and test proof-of-concept trusses
  - Integrate inflatable in prototype SSP structures
- Logic diagram for multifunctional structures
  - Structural/thermal load carrying panels with embedded heat pipes
  - Structures/PMAD load carrying PMAD backbone
- Interconnects
  - Mechanical
  - Thermal
  - Electrical
- Demos
  - Structural/PMAD
  - Thermal/WPT
  - Antenna module
- Module assembly
- Thermal logic diagram
- High k materials
- TPS

- Nanotubes
  - c-f
- Loop heat pipes
  - High temperature wicks
  - Liquid metals
- Advanced radiators
  - Carbon-carbon, etc
  - Deployable
  - Heat pipe radiators
  - Coatings
  - Louvers
  - Electrochromic
- Demos
  - Integrated heat pipe/radiator
  - Central thermal bus
  - Waste heat regen
    - Heat engine
    - TPV
    - Thermoelectric cooling
- Control
  - Architecture
  - Control algorithm
    - Modeling
    - Design
    - Simulation
  - Sensors and actuators
    - Attitude
    - Structural sensing
    - Metrology
    - Momentum actuators
    - Strain actuation
    - Differential GPS
    - Networking communications
    - Avionics
  - Inflatable structural control
  - Demos
    - Integrated structural/attitude control
- Technology needs for ABACUS concept
  - Structures
    - Modular rigid abacus structure
    - Lightweight deployable solar arrays
    - Modular antenna structure
    - Lightweight RF reflector
    - Integrated structure/PMAD/thermal
    - 500 meter rotary bearing
    - Autonomous modular assembly
    - In-space manufacturing
  - Thermal management
    - Lightweight deployable radiators
    - High-temperature loop heat pipes
    - Management of viable thermal loads
  - Control
    - Distributed attitude control and structural control
    - Pointing of RF reflector
    - Shape control of RF reflector (1.3 mm accuracy)
    - Solar array tracking

## **Work Breakout Session 7 Report**

Work Breakout Session Group 7, PMAD and Ground Power Systems, co-chaired by Jim Dolce and Tom Lynch report:

### **PMAD design risks**

100 KV operation: Test prototype transfer and cable segment to validate design baseline

MTBF for 30 years: Evaluate design for thermal/voltage stress and other factors

HV shielding: Test design concept in ground test facility

Failure detection and recovery: Analyze design concept for subsection failure by **shorting**.

Can design withstand failure and stop propagation?

High temperature electronics: Develop program parts list suitable for 200 C to 300 C operation. Find and characterize candidate parts. Predict MTTBF for these parts.

### **PMAD experiments**

Cable usage at high current density: Determine realistic SSP guidelines for individual **wires** in 0 K space environment. Can 160 A per square cm be exceeded?

Transfer-to-antenna heat load isolation: Test thermal isolation capability of transformer to antenna with candidate insulation technique.

Protection switch for 25KA at 80 V: Design and fabricate turnoff switch for 25 KA. Determine sharing, extensibility, power density for candidate design.

Transfer operation at 100 KV: Design and fabricate 10 KW transformer for 100:1 ratio at 10 KHz and 1000 V peak drive. Test for corona, dielectric stress and leakage inductance.

Cable transient response: Fabricate test model and measure step response with **simulated** drive and load. Develop analytic simulation model from test data.

### **Ground power issues**

Utility grid acceptance of SSP power: Less than 20 GW must transport DC power to **remote** grid. Federal government controlled/

Power drop out: Site specific alternate power sources. Alternate SSP.

Grid fault, Rectenna operations: What happens to Rectenna voltage and SWR?

Site selection: Desert, volcano caldero.

### **Shielding**

Protection of cable and distribution

### **R&T needs:**

High current breakers

SiC power devices for high temperature

AC cable drive

AC rectifier/transformer

LAN communication tower and antenna

Superconductor: Cryogenic in space with MTBF

High temperature passive components

Thermal management and recovery

High power: Near term 10-100 KW, midterm 1-10 MW, and far term 1-10 GW

Power density: Near term 50 W/Kg, midterm > 100 W/Kg, and far term > 200 W/Kg

Low cost: \$1-\$2

Long life: MTBF > 20-30 years

HV switching: 25,000 A at 1-5 KV

AC HV cable: 100 KV at 10 KHz

HV solar array: 6,000 V

Hot change of PMAD

### **PMAD Risks**

HV switching (1 KV-5 KV); Forced to new components

Mass (1 Kg/KW) Configuration dependent

High voltage (100 KV) Distribution and component risks

Lifetime (MTBF) Temperature and thermal transients affects life: forced to new materials

Beam power control: PMAD? LAN control? S/A dissipation?  
Superconductor: MTBF of refrigerator pumps, vacuum quality without out gassing **affects** insulation, and assembly servicing of cable segments.

### **Work Breakout Session 8 Report**

Work Breakout Session 8, Solar Power Generation co-chaired by Shelia Bailey and Nick Mardesick report.

#### Size-Graded Self-Assembled Quantum Dot Solar Cell

##### Definition

A Si quantum dot cell utilizes the solar spectrum from 1.1 eV to 4.1 eV representing **80%** of the solar emission spectrum.

##### Accomplishments

Size graded Si quantum dots have been fabricated and characterized.

##### Future

Optimize laser ablation parameters for sized graded dot arrays  
Characterize optical properties to determine absorption range  
Determine size distribution  
Build prototype devices

#### Solar Dynamic Power Generation

##### Near term priorities

Evaluate PMAD impacts associated with SD (high voltage AC)

Address spacecraft integration issues; i.e., pointing and tracking, power distribution, attitude control (torque), and electric propulsion operations

Continue to develop/refine concentrator designs; i.e., largest mass, highest cost, **greater uncertainty**.

##### Proposed tasks

SD PMAD architecture design for SSP

In-house SD integration studies

Refractive secondary concentrator development

Refractive secondary hot test  
Concentrator pointing test

Demonstrate overall concept feasibility-design, build (CY2000), and test (CY2001) a **100 watt, fully integrated SD power system with advanced concentrator and Stirling converter**

#### Ultra Lightweight High Efficiency Thin Film Cell Growth Using Low Temperature Processing

**Objective is to produce high power-to-weight ratio photovoltaic solar arrays on flexible substrates.**

##### Task Descriptions

Develop and screen single source precursors  
Optimize low-temperature thin-film deposition on flexible substrates  
Demonstrate >5% AMO thin-film solar cells  
Demonstrate pre-pilot production deposition of thin-film solar array materials  
Keep related industries informed for eventual technology transfer

**Milestones/Products**

July 1999 Optimized single source precursor for CuInS<sub>2</sub>  
August 1999 Low-temperature deposition of ZnO, CdS, Cu(In, Ga)(S, Se)  
September 1999 Synthesize thin-film heterojunction solar cell on flexible substrate  
November 1999 Install and test precursor analysis and characterization too  
January 2000 Produce 5% efficient prototype small-area cells

**Future Plans**

Develop and screen single source precursors for the low-temperature deposition of CuInSe<sub>2</sub>, Cu(In, Ga)(S, Se)  
Produce 5% efficient thin film prototype small area solar cells with each of the above absorber materials  
Complete a design study for a multi-junction high-efficiency solar cell  
Produce a 10% efficient thin film solar cell on a flexible substrate

**Rainbow**

**Accomplishments**

Assemble prism assembly  
Prototype mirror/prism/cell assembly test  
Prototype 35% AMO prism cell

**Future Plan**

Test mirror/prism/cell  
Fabricate and test five cell array  
Fabricate and test prism/cell array system  
Test system with mirror and/or lens  
Design and fabricate 28 volt array  
Demonstrate system design requirements

**Advanced High Voltage Solar Array Design Guidelines from Solar Tile Testing**

**Accomplishments**

40 Volt solar tile available for plasma testing

**Begun prediction analysis and test plan**

Designed solar cells for 500 volt tile

**Contract Completion**

500 Volt solar tile tested in vacuum-plasma  
Developed general design guidelines for high voltage solar arrays

**Follow-on Suggestions**

Design, build and test a 1,000 volt solar tile (higher voltage & higher efficiencies)  
Thermal cycle 500 volt & 1000 volt tiles  
Crack cover slide and test again  
Develop updated guidelines  
Develop arc detection and mitigation technologies  
Cross-technology development design/build/test 500 volt concentrator array

**Stretched Lens Aurora**

**Accomplishment**

Module test 25% AMO and 28% AMI  
Aurora Integration (Array)

**Current Performance**

>300 watts/square meter  
>300 watts/Kg panel  
>150 watts/Kg array

Future Performance

- 400 watts/square meter
- 1000 watts/Kg panel
- 500 watts/Kg array

Follow-on Possibilities

- High voltage receivers demonstration
- Start next generation R&D (1000 watts/Kg)
- Larger Ground test panel (LaRC)
- Array integration
- Rainbow Receiver

### ***Work Breakout Session 9 Report***

Work Breakout Session group 9. Environmental and Safety Factors co-chaired by Marvin Goldman and Gayle Brown report:

Critical path environmental analysis

- Ionosphere
- Atmosphere
- Orbital space
- Beam safety
- Long term exposure
- Ecology
- Orbit slot allocation
- Environment impact statement process
- Frequency allocations
- Rectenna
- Large scale demos

Prioritize research needs for future years

- Dual site use (rectenna)
- Identify environmental costs
- Power density vs site
  - Land use
  - Safety
  - Ecological costs
  - Quality of life
- Exposure issues
- Debris mitigation

### ***Work Breakout Session 10 Report***

Work Breakout Session group 10. International Issues and Opportunities. co-chaired by Jerry Grey and Mark Henley report:

ITAR constraints

Action is needed to mitigate constraints on SSP technical interchange

NASA needs an umbrella SSP technologies list

NASA needs to submit a rationale for technical SSP interchange as a research activity for Department Of State approval via headquarters.

International cooperation mechanisms

Create International Working Group (IWG) on SSP (our preference is a sub committee of the IAF Power Committee)

The IWG will identify demo projects. some of which may need international agreements.

Companies seeking joint efforts will apply for **Technical Assistance Agreements (TAAs)**

The IWG will seek to mitigate current ITAR constraints

UNESCO World Solar Program

Identify specific need of developing countries (e.g., SPS-2000)

Promote SSP as a supplement to terrestrial solar systems

Energy demand projections

Seek long-term energy demands scenarios from all sources

Address International Issues (non-technical)

The IWG will create an "action" agenda to address each of the issues identified at Unispace 3

Mechanisms for International Information Exchange

Set up SSP International Wing of VRC (Badged access, but on ITAR sensitive information) to publish and review work in all countries.

Alternative: Create international Internet communication network using VRC-like software.

Public Education and Information

Identify and publicize demos having general public interest

Seek public participation in demo projects (e.g., control of rovers)

Create awards, essay contests, toys, etc

### **Work Breakout Session 11 Report**

Work Breakout Session group 11, SSP Applications, co-chaired by David Smitherman and Ken Cox **report:**

Applications to Space Science Missions

High power laser beaming to asteroids and planetary surfaces to determine chemical content

Power for long duration sample return

Economics

Improved remote analysis of materials

Standardized high power systems

Power for lunar-based telescopes

Technologies for large space telescopes

Optics

Power

Propulsion

Structures

Robotics

WPT to interstellar probes

Economics

Continuous non-nuclear power supply

Common technology development path

Identify Earth crossing asteroids

Application to HEDS

SEP stages for space transfer

Power plug in space

High power for processing raw materials

Surface power beaming instead of power lines

WPT to surface systems

Landers and science instruments

Rovers

Habitats

Power to surface solar power systems in shadow

Power beaming to cold traps in shaded areas to release water and gases  
High power radar mapping for resources mapping on planetary bodies

Application to Space Infrastructure Development

High power to micro satellites  
High power for electromagnetic launch systems on lunar and planetary bodies  
Orbital debris removal  
Power to robotic maneuvering vehicle  
Deorbit by direct laser beam to debris

Dual Use Technologies

SSP Technology  
PMAD  
Thin film Fresnel lens  
Ultra light solar arrays (efficient thin film flexible solar arrays)  
High temperature RF electronics and materials (phased array to replace dish antennas)  
High efficiency solar cells (terrestrial power including solar cells on roofs)  
Robotics (convenience robots and construction robots)  
Remote assembly  
WPT and tall towers for receivers above the atmosphere  
Next generation commercial aircraft and future RLVs  
Space telescope lenses  
Satellite solar arrays

***GRC presentation at the Work Breakout Session***

GRC presented 73 VUGHRAPHS at the Work Breakout Session and Pat George furnished copies of these charts for the SERT TIM 2 record and they include the following subjects:

- 1) High Voltage SSP Issues by Dale Ferguson
- 2) Application of Superconductors to SSP Satellites by James Powell
- 3) Solar Electric Propulsion by GRC
- 4) PMAD Accomplishments and Future Plans by GRC

Day 4

**Integrated Product Team (IPT) meetings**

Day 4 began with the following six Integrated Product Team (IPT) meetings until 11:00 am:

**IPT 1, Systems Engineering, Integration, Analysis, and Modeling: Cost Estimation and Space Transportation & Infrastructure** co-chaired by Harvey Feingold, Connie Carrington, and David Way

**IPT 2, WPT & Reception: Ground Power Systems: Environmental & Safety Factors** co-chaired by Richard Dickinson, Jim McSpadden, and Marvin Goldman

**IPT 3, Solar Power Generation and PMAD** co-chaired by Shelia Bailey and Tom Lynch

**IPT 4, Structural Concepts & Technologies** co-chaired by Chris Moore and Mike Gilbert

**IPT 5, Space Platforms and Operations** co-chaired by David Maynard and Greg Hickey

**IPT 6, SSP Applications: Space & Terrestrial Markets, International Issues and Opportunities** co-chaired by Jerry Grey, Mark Henley, Ken Cox, and David Smitherman

Day 4 ended with closing plenary panel sessions

## IPT Reports

### *IPT 1 Report*

IPT 1, Systems Engineering, Integration, Analysis, and Modeling: Cost Estimation and Space Transportation & Infrastructure co-chaired by Harvey Feingold, Connie Carrington, and David Way

Charge from John Mankins

- What data needs to be exchanged between teams?
- What data will need to be provided in the near future?

Database, structured properly, could address needs

- Data documentation with assumptions of what is included in estimates
- Modeling results
- Algorithms

Problems: Some teams do not have even basic information needed to start analysis

- E.g., Structures team does not have loads

Interaction between systems and transportation

- Concept Proposers should take responsibility for providing schemes for assembly, **component packaging**, etc.

Assembly complexity Vs ETO launch sizing (do we need to optimize?)

- Currently assuming 20 to 40 MT per launch (5 pounds per cubic foot) for transportation
- Larger payload units could simplify assembly (but launch vehicle failure is a consideration)
- Transfer vehicle could become part of an-orbit structure
- How fast does transportation need to provide materials? (Driven by economic considerations)
- High flight rate is better, from transportation point-of view
- SIWC can provide number of launches per satellite (currently assume on SSP satellite per year, but economic considerations will require a fleet of SSP satellites in perhaps a **5-year period of time**)

Interactions between systems and transportation

- Recommendation 1: Get SIWG, transportation, structures, robotics teams together soon to **establish assembly philosophy baseline**
- Recommendation 2: Decide soon on a LEO-GEO transportation philosophy baseline

Interactions between systems and transportation

- Question 1: Do we need a depot for storing materials, tools, etc.
- Question 2: Does each package deliver itself to GEO (maybe higher, due to GEO stationkeeping consider stationkeeping), or do we have tug deliver launch packages?
  - Deploy SSP arrays for LEO-GEO transportation (loads on structures, degradation, PMAD and high voltage considerations etc.
  - Transportation has traded expendable, reusable, and autonomous SEP approaches (for transportation considerations only)
  - Autonomous SEP approach appears favorable to transportation, but oversizes and overdesigns the on-orbit SSP configurations, structures, PMAD, etc
- Question 3: Do we need LEO transportation nodes?
  - May need 3 for orbit phasing considerations
  - Will need equatorial launch sites (build our own island?)
- Question 4: What is the lifetime of this system?

Transportation needs from SIWG

- Density and dimensions of the payloads
- Launch rates
- Payload mass
- Assembly sequence
- Maintenance estimates

Propulsion needs

- Efficiency vs. specific impulse vs. propellant type
- Specific mass of propulsion unit

Solar array needs

- Specific power with or without structure
- Degradation both thermal and radiation
- Efficiencies (BOL and EOL) to aid in lifetime estimates

Robotics needs

- Robotic capability for assembly
- Reliability
- Mass, cost including all support
- Type of robots

WPT technology needs (solid state, magnetrons, klystrons, and lasers)

- Characteristics: mass, configuration, performance with assumptions
- Efficiency chains (space segment, atmospheric, ground rectenna)

Platform System needs

- Reliability data for all hardware (SSP satellites, robotics, and ground systems)
- Mass and cost data for platform systems
- Communications and computers

Structure needs

- Mass estimates for solar arrays, transmitter array, reflectors/bearings, and **integrating structures**
- Number of control actuators and sensors: mass, power and cost estimates
- Assembly approach and deployment
- Packaging
- Thermal mass, radiator configurations and location

PMAD needs

- Voltage levels, AC or DC and radiator temperatures
- Mass distribution of components for configuration design and recommendations
- PV to SEP switching information

SSP Applications needs

- Missions
- Requirements
- Spin-off applications that could impact systems and transportation decisions (lifetimes etc)

Team for Environmental Safety and Health needs

- Allowable power densities
- Stake holders
- Exclusion zones (cost impacts)

Missing Elements in WBS

- Operations

Command, Control and Data handling (ground and space)  
Hierarchy, control sites, etc  
Roles of government and private industry

## ***IPT 2 Report***

IPT 2. WPT & Reception: Ground Power Systems: Environmental & Safety Factors co-chaired by Richard Dickinson, Jim McSpadden, and Marvin Goldman

### **Safety**

- Locate receiving stations in restricted airspace sites when possible
- Site requirements
  - Two radars
    - One for low slow moving small airplanes
    - One for high fast moving commercial and corporate planes
  - Detectors for beam scatter
  - Tie in with FAA ATC system
  - Redundant computers
- What do you want to protect?
  - All spaces?
  - Other (land use, medical devices, etc)
  - Need more chronic long-term exposure data
  - Satellite Protection
    - Need analysis of fleet of beaming power stations at GEO
  - Rectenna maintenance
    - Protective suits
    - Auditory effects
- Beam pulsing possible? Probably not

### **Land use considerations**

- Siting of microwave
  - Not in SMSAs
  - Need flyway corridors superimposed on beam map
    - Birds, aircraft, and other migratory animals
- Reservations
  - Indian
    - National parks
    - Military
    - Wetlands
- Land costs
- Societal issues (e.g., construction worker support infrastructure)
- Microclimate effects
- Siting of lasers
  - $10^5$ - $10^6$  receiving sites for 1 GW
    - May require neighborhood homogeneity
    - Public comfort factor (could look like a weapon)
      - Minimal problems with birds and planes flying through beam
    - PV material scarcity

### **Minority report 1**

Economics (\$/KWh) is the ultimate figure of merit for SSP. Microwave WPT at this point of time and for the next several decades is much better than laser WPT.  
Lowest cost of electricity has been shown to be delivered from large antennas to multiple rectennas

### **Minorities report 2**

Laser emitters can be designed so that they deliver power at about the intensity of **natural** sunlight in a distributed manner.

Laser emitters can be designed so that they can not be turned into a weapon system **without** major changes.

Efficiencies of 36% for a high quality beam have been demonstrated.

Higher efficiencies appear accessible (upper limit is  $100(1 - kT/kW)$ ) [www.osa.org](http://www.osa.org)

### ***IPT 3 Report***

IPT 3. Solar Power Generation and PMAD co-chaired by Shelia Bailey and Tom Lynch

Interface Questions and Issues

WPT voltage level and regulation

Propulsion voltage level

Structures, control and thermal: Mass and pointable structure, grounding, thermal **regulation,** and housekeeping power

Robotics: Replacement of damaged components

Space environment and safety: Charge dissipation

### ***IPT 4 Report***

IPT 4. Structural Concepts & Technologies co-chaired by Chris Moore and Mike Gilbert

IPT 4 did not meet; therefore they had no report.

### ***IPT 5 Report***

IPT 5. Space Platforms and Operations co-chaired by David Maynard and Greg Hickey

Functions

Hierarchy of control

Granularity of control

Command and control schemes

Distribution of knowledge

Assembly

Task order driven (repetitive)

Preventative

Adaptive scheduling

Repair

Highly flexible

Responsive

Do we repair everything?

Diagnostics/Health monitoring

Define needs

Non contact/point contact/ports

Smart structures

System needs

Efficient highways for mobility/operations

Design forgiveness in system for assembly and operations

Modularization

Similarity of components

Similarity of subsystems

Common interfaces/connectors

Self-fastening interfaces

Magnitude of change out

Trash disposal/reutilization

Open issues

- Computational requirements
  - Speed vs memory
  - Distribution vs non-distribution
- Thermally/electrically hot change out
- Isolation of damaged/downed systems, subsystems, and components
- Thermal management
- How is PMAD integrated into structure and its effect on assembly?
- Centralized vs distributed
  - Robotics
  - Intelligence
  - Information management

Technology challenges

- Maintenance during continuous operations
- Coordinated operations with the ground (level of autonomy)
- Platform to robot and communications
- Health monitoring system
- Ad hoc network
- Inspection approaches/definition
- Extended operations for systems
- Simulation and studies
- Material logistics

Interfacing challenges

- Facility mobility
  - Hard points, grapple, etc
  - Spots to minimize reaction forces
- Facility reaction control
- Facility maintenance
  - Design for robot only maintenance
  - Smart structure, self-diagnosis, component change out
- Clearance and accessibility (pathways)
- Location/markings/component bar coding
- Communications and data (diagnostic facilities)
- Robotic infrastructure/tool shed and warehouse

***IPT 6 Report***

**IPT 6, SSP Applications: Space & Terrestrial Markets, International Issues and Opportunities co-chaired by Jerry Grey, Mark Henley, Ken Cox, and David Smitherman**

**What factors drive conversation to SSP?**

- Economics**
- Environmental benefits**
- Fossil fuel depletion (plastic resources)**
- Unique electricity markets e.g., electric cars**
- Nuclear concerns**

**Common issues**

- Terrestrial power**
- Space applications**

**Terrestrial power**

- Major market: Developing nations**
- Applications: Peaking power, base loads, or niche?**

Integration with utility infrastructure  
How to incentivize energy companies to put SSP in their strategic planning  
Would offshore oil development model work for SSP?

Space missions

Scientific exploration  
Orbital debris removal  
Planetary defense  
Nonterrestrial materials resources

Other Subjects

Environmental effects of electric propulsion effluents (xenon)  
New people in this field would benefit from 1980 DOE/NASA study: Need copies  
Environmental community is a major potential ally: Review Space Frontier Foundation's presentation

## John Mankins' summarization

First end-to-end review of SSP with architectures, systems, technology, and demos.  
Excellent interchanges among diverse organizations and groups  
Good synthesis of relationships and issues  
Something else to do  
    Concepts>database.>R&T>applications Need to better/more explicitly document traceability  
    of specific technology efforts to concepts  
We will be inverting the matrix  
Space Applications  
    Need to continue to work hard on this subject  
    Will need to engage R&T teams to broaden perspective  
    For Example:  
        Infrastructure dual-use  
        Technology dual-use  
        Alternative systems use  
        Information dual-use  
A lot of work to do

## List of Attendees

1.	Anderson, Dave	Boeing
2	Anderson, Jeffrey	NASA MSFC ED44
3	Arndt, Dickey	NASA JSC
4	Bailey, Shelia	NASA GRC
5	Balbaa, Ibrahim	Ontario Power Technologies Canada
6	Baker, William	Naval Research Lab
7	Beaudoin, Greg	Strategic Insights
8	Benford, Gregory A.	Microwave Sciences, Inc
9	Benford, James N.	Microwave Sciences, Inc
10	Blanks, Hal	United States Alliance Corp
11	Brandhorst, Henry W. Jr.	Auburn University December 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>
12	Brown, L. Gayle	University Space Research Association (USRA)
13	Brown, Gardner	Strategic Insights
14	Brown, Mike	NRL
15	Cacace, Ralph	Honeywell
16	Campbell, Jon	NASA MSFC FD02
17	Carrington, Connie	NASA MSFC FD02
18	Carroll, Kieran	Dynacon Enterprises Limited Canada
19	Charania, Ashrof	Georgia Tech

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20	Christensen, David	Lockheed Martin Astronautics
21	Clark-Ingram, Marcia	NASA MSFC AD10
22	Conley, Michael	NASA JSC
23	Cox, Kenneth J.	NASA JSC
24	Culbert, Chris	NASA JSC
25	Deckard, Margo	Space Frontier Foundation
26	Dickinson, Richard	JPL
27	Dolce, Jim	NASA GRC
28	Donahue, Ben	Boeing
29	Edge, Tom	NASA MSFC ED11
30	Escher, William	SAIC
31	Farrington, Frank	Boeing
32	Feingold, Harvey	SAIC
33	Ferguson, Dale	NASA GRC
34	Fikes, John	NASA MSFC FD02
35	Fini, John	Strategic Insights
36	Fork, Richard	UAH Electrical Engineering & Computer Science
37	Gamble, Lisa	UAH Physics
38	George, Patrick J.	NASA GRC
39	Gilbert, Michael G.	NASA LaRC
40	Gilbert, Mike	NASA GRC
41	Glaese, John	bd Systems, Inc
42	Goldman, Marvin	UC Davis
43	Grey, Jerry	AIAA
44	Hawk, Clark W.	UAH Propulsion Research Center
45	Henley, Mark	Boeing
46	Hickey, Gregory S.	JPL
47	Hoffman, Steven J.	NASA JSC
48	Hollander, Sam	NRL
49	Howell, Joe	NASA MSFC FD02
50	Ijichi, Koichi	Inst. for Unmanned Space Exp. Free Flyer (USEF) Japan
51	Johnson, Gary	NASA MSFC FD02
52	Johnston, Nick	NASA MSFC ED19-F
53	Kant, Seymour	NASA GSFC
54	Kaya, Nobuyuki	Kobe University of Japan
55	Kennedy, Brett	JPL
56	King, C. William	Essential Research
57	Kuriki, Kyoichi	Inst. for Unmanned Space Exp. Free Flyer (USEF) Japan
58	Kusic, George	University of Pittsburgh
59	Lamb, David	UAH Dept. of Physics
60	Landis, Geoffrey A.	Ohio Aerospace Institute
61	Law, Glenn	Aerospace Corp
62	Lee, Gary	Boeing
63	Little, Frank	Texas A&M Univ.
64	Lynch, Tom	Boeing
65	Mankins, John	NASA Headquarters
66	Mardesich, Nick	JPL
67	Martin, Jim	Boeing
68	Marzwell, Neville	JPL
69	Mori, Masahiro	NASDA Japan
70	May, Scott	NASA MSFC
71	Moore, Chris	NASA LaRC
72	Maynard, David	JPL
73	McCaleb, Rebecca	NASA MSFC AD10
74	McDanal, A. J.	ENTECH, Inc
75	McSpadden, James	Boeing

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77	Moore, Chris	NASA LaRC
78	Mullins, Carie	Futron Corp
79	Muniz, Ed	Muniz Engineering, Inc
80	Nabors, Rip	NASA MSFC
81	Neudeck, Phil	NASA GRC
82	Nichols, Roger	Boeing
83	Nicodemus, Tom	University of Houston
84	Nix, Mike	NASA MSFC
85	Novara, Mauro	ESTEC ESA
86	Olds, John	Georgia Tech
87	O'Neal, Dan	NASA MSFC FD02
88	O'Neill, Mark	ENTECH, Inc
89	Patrick, Steve	Sverdrup
90	Penn, Jay	Aerospace Corp
91	Perky, Donald J.	Global Hydrology & Climate Center
92	Perkinson, Don	NASA MSFC SD71
93	Pervan, Sherry	SAIC
94	Piszczor, Mike	NASA GRC
95	Potter, Seth D.	Boeing Downey
96	Powell, Jim	DOE Brookhaven National Labs
97	Rawal, Suraj	Lockheed Martin
98	Reed, Brian	Boeing
99	Roth, Axel	NASA MSFC FD02
100	Sanders, Jim	UAH Propulsion Research Center
101	Sank, Victor	NASA GSFC
102	Schmitz, Paul	NASA GRC
103	Schnepf, Sharon	DARPA
104	Sharp, John	NASA MSFC ED26
105	Shenai, Krishna	Microsystems Res. Center Univ. of Illinois at Chicago
106	Shimizu, Kazuhiro	Kobe University Japan
107	Skiles, Jay	NASA ARC SETI Institute
108	Smith, Ron	NASA MSFC AD10
109	Smitherman, David	NASA MSFC FD02
110	Staritz, Peter J.	Carnegie Mellon University
111	Strassner, Berndie	Texas A&M University
112	Sullivan, Gerry	Rockwell Science Center
113	Taliaferro, Lanny	ALPHA Technology
114	Thompson, Zack	Volunteer
115	Trivedi, Malay	Microsystems Res. Center Univ. of Illinois at Chicago
116	Urmson, Chris	Carnegie Mellon University
117	Vassaux, Didier	CNES France
118	Watson, Judith	NASA LaRC
119	Way, David	Georgia Tech
120	Whittaker, William (Red)	Carnegie Mellon University
121	Willenberg, Harvey	Boeing
122	Willowby, Douglas	NASA MSFC ED11
123	Wilson, Sam	DARPA
124	Zhu, Sein	USRA ED47

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0730—0800	Registration UAH University Center UC 133	
0800—0810	Welcome/Dr. Kaya's WPT Demo	Dr. Hawk
0810—0820	Introduction	Axel Roth
0820—0830	SERT TIM 2 Objectives	Joe Howell
0830—0910	SERT Program Overview	John Mankins
0910—0950	SERT Integration, Analyses, & Modeling	Carrington / Feingold
	<b>SERT Activities Summaries</b>	
0950—1000 1000—1010	ARC Intelligent Systems, Robotics, & Other Environmental	Hans Thomas Jay Skiles
1010—1040 1040—1110	GRC Solar Power Generation PMAD	Pat George Shelia Bailey Jim Dolce
1110—1130	Defect Engineering & Reliability Study of SiC High Power Devices	Univ. of Illinois at Chicago Krishna Shenai
1130—1150	GSFC Space Platforms	Jim Andary D. Maynard/Steve Kant
1150—1250	Lunch	
1250—1320 1320—1340 1340—1410	JPL WPT System Activities Science Applications	Richard Dickinson David Maynard Brett Kennedy
1410—1430 1430—1450	JSC Robotic Assy, Maint and Servicing HEDS Applications and Other	Chris Culbert Ken Cox
1450—1505	KSC Spaceport Operations	Carey McCleskey
1505—1545	LaRC Struct. Materials & Control, and Thermal	Chris Moore
1545—1600 1600—1615 1615—1630 1630—1650 1650—1710	MSFC Ground Power Systems Space Transportation Infrastructure FMCA Environmental & Safety Factors Commercial Applications	George Kusic John Olds Larry Talianferro Marvin Goldman David Smitherman
1710—1740	Independent Economic & Market Analysis	John Fini
1740—1800	NASDA In-House Study of SSP Demo	Mori Masahiro
1740	Plans for Day 2	Joe Howell

## Agenda for Day 2

0730—0800	Registration @ University Center UC 133	
	SERT Systems Studies & Analysis NRA 8-23	
0800—0830	Aerospace System Studies & Analysis	Aerospace Corp
0830—0900	SSP Systems Studies & Analysis	Boeing NA Inc
0900—0925	System Study for POWOW	Auburn University
0925—0940	Advanced Design Concepts for SSP	Ohio Aerospace Inst.
0940—0955	Application of SSP Technology to HEDS	SAIC
0955—1015	Assessment of SSP Risk & Uncertainty	Futron
1015—1035	Assessment of Environmental & Safety Factors related to SSP	Space Frontier Foundation
1035—1055	Assessment of NASA SSP Concepts, International Coordination, & Applicability	AIAA
1055—1110	Economic & Market Analysis of Specific Locale	Strategic Insights
	<b>SERT Research &amp; Technologies NRA 8-23</b>	
1110—1130	Adv. High Voltage Solar Array Design	Boeing Phantom Works
1130—1145	Solar Cell Development & Array Design for RAINBOW Concentrator	Essential Research
1145—1205	Effects of Hypervelocity Impacts on High Voltage Arrays	Auburn University
1205—1300	LUNCH	
1300—1320	Low-Mass Phased Array Antenna for WPT	Boeing Phantom Works
1320—1340	Ultra-Lightweight Inflatable Boom Dev	ILC Dover
1340—1400	Innovative Deployable Radiator Design for SSP	Lockheed Martin
1400—1420	Fabrication of Very High Efficiency 5.8 GHz Power Amplifiers for WPT	Rockwell Science Center
1420—1440	High Voltage Modular DC to DC Converters	Sundstrand
1440—1500	R&D of High Gain, High Efficiency, Circular Polarized rectenna	Texas A&M University
	SERT Technology Demonstrations NRA 8-23	
1500—1530	WPT for Science Applications	Microwave Sciences
1530—1600	Ultralightweight Fresnel Lens Solar Concentrators for Space Power	ENTECH. Inc
1600—1630	Robotic Assembly & Maintenance of Solar Facilities	Carnegie Mellon Univ.
1630—1710	SSP Technology Demonstration for Lunar Polar Applications	Boeing North American
	<b>SERT PROCESS</b>	
1710—1740	Technology Roadmapping	John Mankins
1740	Charge to Work Breakout Sessions	John Mankins

**Agenda for Day 3**

0730—0800	Registration @ University Center UC 133	
0800—1500	<b>SERT Work Breakout Sessions</b>	<b>CO-CHAIRS</b>
UC Exhibit Hall A	Systems, Integration, Analysis, & Modeling	Harvey Feingold Connie Carrington
UC 126 C	Space Transportation & Infrastructure	David Way Mike Nix
UC 126 B	Wireless Power Transmission	Richard Dickinson Jim McSpadden
UC 126 A	Platform Systems	David Maynard Seymour Kant
UC 146	Robotics, Assembly, & Servicing	Chris Culbert Red Whittaker
UC 127	Structures, Materials, Controls, and Thermal	Chris Moore Mike Gilbert
UC Exhibit Hall B	PMAD & Ground Power Systems	Jim Dolce Tom Lynch
UC 131	Solar Power Generation	Shelia Bailey Nick Mardesick
Tech Hall S105	Environmental & Safety Factors	Marvin Goldman Jay Skiles
Tech Hall N145	International Issues & Opportunities	Jerry Grey Mark Henley
Tech Hall S301	SSP Applications: Independent Economic & Market Analysis	David Smitherman Henry Harris / Ken Cox
Tech Hall N302	Special Topics	Joe Howell
1500—1530	Break-Move back to UAH UC Exhibit Hall	
1530—1730 UC Exhibit Hall B	Reports from SERT Work Breakout Mtgs. (10 MINUTES EACH)	
	Systems, Integration, Analysis, & Modeling	Harvey Feingold
	Space Transportation & Infrastructure	John Olds
	Wireless Power Transmission	Richard Dickinson
	Platform Systems	David Maynard
	Robotics, Assembly, & Servicing	Chris Culbert
	Structures, Materials, Controls, & Thermal	Chris Moore
	PMAD & Ground Systems	Jim Dolce
	Solar Power Generation	Shelia Bailey
	Environment & Safety Factors	Marvin Goldman
	International Issues & Opportunities	Jerry Grey
	SSP Applications: Independent Economic & Market Analysis	David Smitherman
1730	Plans for Day 4	<i>Joe Howell</i>

## Agenda for Day 4

0730—0800	Registration UC 133	
0800—1100	<b>SERT Integrated Product Team Meetings</b>	CO-CHAIRS
UC Exhibit Hall A	Systems Engineering, Integration, Analysis Modeling: Cost Estimation and Space Transportation and Infrastructure	Harvey Feingold Connie Carrington David Way
UC 126 B	WPT & Reception: Ground Power Systems: Environmental & Safety Factors	Richard Dickinson Jim McSpadden Marvin Goldman
UC 146	Solar Power Generation: PMAD	Shelia Bailey Tom Lynch
UC 127	Structural Concepts & Technologies	Chris Moore/Mike Gilbert
UC 126 A	Space Platforms & Operations	David Maynard Greg Hickey
UC 131	SSP Applications: Space & Terrestrial Markets, International Issues & Opportunities	Jerry Grey/Ken Cox Mark Henley David Smitherman
UC126 C	Special Topics (TBD)	Joe Howell
1100—1200	Lunch	
1200—1500 UC Exhibit Hall B	<b>Closing Plenary Panel Sessions</b>	PANEL MEMBERS
	SERT Integrated Product Teams	
	Solar Power Generation: PMAD	Shelia Bailey/ Tom Lynch Pat George/Mark O'Neill Jim Powell
	Space Platforms and Operations	Greg Hickey Bret Kennedy Red Whittaker Seymour Kant
	Systems Engineering, Integration, Analysis Modeling: Cost Estimation and Space Transportation and Infrastructure	Harvey Feingold Connie Carrington/ Jay Penn David Way/Mike Nix
	WPT & Reception: Ground Power Systems: Environmental & Safety Factors	Richard Dickinson Jim McSpadden Marvin Goldman Gary Johnson
	Structural Concepts & Technologies	Chris Moore Mike Gilbert/ Judith Watson
	SSP Applications: Space & Terrestrial Markets, International Issues & Opportunities	Jerry Grey Mark Henley Ken Cox David Smitherman
	Special Topics	Joe Howell
1500	ADJOURN	